

Copy II Plus Special Tips

Notice for Apple IIGS users

If you're using the 3.5 inch Copy II Plus disk, you may find that the Apple IIGS sometimes ejects the 3.5 inch disk immediately at startup. This happens because the IIGS does not handle the startup of single-sided 3.5 inch disks consistently.

If you're having problems booting the Copy II Plus disk at all because the IIGS keeps ejecting it, press CTRL-RESET. You should then see a right-bracket (]) prompt. Reinsert the Copy II Plus disk, then type PR#5 and press RETURN. That will correctly boot the disk.

To avoid the situation entirely, use the Utilities FORMAT DISK option to format a new 3.5 inch disk. Now choose the COPY FILES option and copy all of the files from the Copy II Plus disk onto the new formatted disk. Use this new disk as your working Copy II Plus disk, rather than the original disk. This disk, since it's formatted double-sided, won't be ejected when you start up your computer.

Helpful Things to Try When Using Copy II Plus

5.25" Bit Copy

For the copy process, set the reading drive to 200–201 ms and the writing drive to 201.0–201.5 ms. If only one drive is used, set it to 201–201.5 ms. (You may want to set your drive back to the normal 200 ms after making your backups.)

If the original comes to you with the write-protect notch covered or with no notch whatsoever, be sure to write-protect the backup before attempting to boot it.

Using Manual Bit Copy, set parameter 3E=02 or 3E=02, 55=03. (55=03 by itself is already included in the Try Header parm.)

3.5" Bit Copy

For use on a hard disk, try HD parms. Make the 3.5" backup first, then file copy the backup to your hard drive.

If the program doesn't run from the hard drive, either the parameter is incorrect or the program isn't designed to run on a hard disk.

If you can file copy the 3.5" backup to another 3.5" disk and that second disk runs, then the parameter is correct but the program has some type of limitation which may prevent it from running on the hard disk.

The 3.5" Bit Copy program will not work on the UniDisk 3.5" drive due to a hardware limitation of the drive.

5.25" and 3.5" Bit Copy

- * Try any other parameters by the same manufacturer. (To find the manufacturer, just print out the parameter listing.)
- * Try each of the "TRY" parameters. (Listed alphabetically under the word TRY.) If you get errors on a certain track, go over the track(s) again using Partial Auto Copy.
- * Try another machine, due to differences in circuitry, this can really make a difference when using 5.25" parameters that require quarter tracking.
- * Try reversing drives or using just one drive.
- * Keep trying! Several times.

* If, after trying the above suggestions, Copy II Plus doesn't seem to do the trick, watch for our update notices (as new parameters may be included with a future release).

Updating

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